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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW

# NORTH DAKOTA LAW

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# FORMAL DEDICATION & RIBBON CUTTING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 4:00 p.m.

## PROGRAM

Robert O. Kelley, President, University of North Dakota

Drew Wrigley, Lieutenant Governor, State of North Dakota

Gerald VandeWalle, Chief Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court

Kathleen Neset, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Kylie Oversen, North Dakota State Representative

Kathryn R.L. Rand, Dean, University of North Dakota School of Law

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

President Robert Kelley, Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley & Dean Kathryn Rand

Holding Ribbon - Third-year students Nick Nelson & Lee Edward Brockington

## RECEPTION/ALUMNI SOCIAL

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us inside the Law School building after the ceremony for a celebration reception and tours of the building led by current UND School of Law students. The reception will be progressive-style with food and beverage on all levels of the new and renovated law building. Signage inside will indicate details of the reception. In addition, our annual alumni recognition ceremony will be held as follows:

**Central Commons - 5:15 p.m.**

Welcome by Dean Kathryn Rand

**Teaching Courtroom - 5:30 p.m.**

Recognition of the Order of the Coif, Order of the Barristers, North Dakota Bar Foundation Scholarships and the Parrish Scholarship

**Case Study Classroom, Room 334 - 6:15 p.m.**

Presentation by Professor Patti Alleva, Impact of new learning spaces and Video presentation of 3L student reactions to the new building

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

**10:00 a.m. UND Homecoming Parade** - Join us on the lawn in front of the School of Law to enjoy the parade with other alumni and friends while enjoying some hot cocoa and coffee.

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All Class Reunion Brunch, 50-year Reunion Class Recognition & Tours** - Join us in the central commons to enjoy tours, food and friendship while you connect with alumni and friends from all classes. Our student leaders will be available to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

# A TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY

*The 2013 North Dakota Legislature made a commitment of historic proportions to fund a building addition and renovation for North Dakota's law school. Their support sent the students, faculty and staff on a transformational journey to a new and improved School of Law.*

On Friday evening, May 3, 2013, just minutes before the beginning of the Class of 2013 graduation banquet, the state legislature voted to approve SB 2003, which included nearly full funding for the School of Law's building project. The \$11.4 million commitment was the beginning of a long journey to dramatically enhance North Dakota's law school.

This historic project marked only the second major renovation/addition associated with the UND School of Law in its more than 100 years of existence. The original law school building was built in 1922, and the only prior major upgrade was the addition of the law library in 1973.

Planning for the project began immediately. In July, the University released a bid for architectural services, and by August, UND President Robert Kelley announced ICON Architectural Group in Grand Forks in conjunction with SHW Group, now Stantec, would lead the initial design phase of the project. In addition, Kelley appointed a formal committee led by Dean Kathryn Rand and former Law Dean and Provost Paul LeBel to oversee the building project.

The committee and architects were focused squarely on improving the educational space, as well as improving study and workspace for students. The committee, working with the architects, embarked on an intensive program to gather input from all constituents through online surveys, workshops, focus groups, individual meetings, benchmarking visits to other law schools and even a public "Town Hall" meeting that was live streamed for public participation.



Immediately following the Town Hall, the architects set up a temporary workspace on campus and began to do "real time" design, revising and refining the initial schemes/drawings presented. They used onion skin paper to sketch out ideas during a series of drop-in design planning workshop sessions with students, faculty, staff and others interested in the project.

As the year turned to 2014, the University took another major step forward as it named Construction Engineers of Grand Forks to lead the construction of the project. A "schematic design" package was submitted to the contractor in January, which included schematic drawings from the architects, the mechanical engineers, and the electrical engineers. Construction Engineers, with the help of the planning committee, used the schematic design to do some "value engineering" to eliminate unnecessary features to reduce costs and get the most out of the funding available. Their work led to the "design development" phase, in which construction documents were completed and put out for subcontractor bids.

While the design was being finalized, similar plans were developed for vacating the law building and relocating all operations to other on-campus locations. The task of moving and setting up a functioning law school and





Destruction of the library north stairwell.

law library was daunting at best. Knowing they were facing a time crunch, staff and faculty were reflective of a lyric in Jerry Reed's song "East Bound and Down"—"We got a long way to go and a short time to get there. . ."

Classrooms were scheduled both for the summer classes that began immediately as well as for the fall semester. New

faculty and staff offices were lined up in five separate buildings, boxes were packed and arrangements were made for a temporary law library to be housed in the Strinden Center with other books in several other on and off campus locations.

Law school faculty and staff celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2014 on May 10, and shortly after they were greeted with moving trucks ready to relocate the entire school.

Asbestos abatement and building prep were already underway when wire fencing went up around the construction site in early July 2014. Dean Rand swung the ceremonial first sledgehammer, creating a large hole in the northeast tower of the library stairwell to officially begin the construction phase of the project. Deconstruction was actually the first order as they worked to tear down the library stairway and brick and glass from the north-facing windows in the library. Major deconstruction on the inside was happening as well.

Two themes developed through the life of the project. First, "Laying down the law brick by brick" was coined by Construction Engineers and was displayed on the large red banner that covered one full side of the semi trailer on site. Second was "On time and on budget," which truly was descriptive of the project as each month passed.

Every Wednesday, the contractors, architects, UND and law school representatives and other key stakeholders met to track the progress, discuss critical portions of the

project and make decisions necessary to continue moving forward. The dynamic of the group, led by Project Manager Nick Fiecke, was amazing as they developed friendships and the ability to work together to tackle difficult situations and keep the project working toward the end goal.

Several milestones were realized along the way. During Homecoming 2014, the law school officially celebrated the start of the building project with a brick-laying ceremony attended by Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley, Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle and North Dakota Senator Ray Holmberg. The final steel beam of the UND School of Law building addition was lifted into place on November 6, 2014 at a special Topping Off ceremony on the law school building construction site.

As the year turned to 2015 the project was nearing the halfway point. In February the final section of roof on the new addition was raised into place. In May, Dean Rand took the opportunity to put on her hard hat and use her masonry skills to place the final two bricks on the new addition. An unusually nice winter compared to North Dakota standards and the skilled direction of Construction Engineers and ICON Architectural Group allowed the project to continue on its rapid pace through the year to finish, as was always said, "on time and on budget."

Plans were once again being made to pack up, but this time, for a move back to the new and renovated space. It became a funny moment over time, but at the end of the weekly meetings mentioned earlier, law staff member Julie Simon would ask the same question—"Are we on time and what is our date for moving back in?" The reply was always yes, and July 19. Those answers proved to be true.

The morning of July 19, Hallett movers began the process of integrating library books stored off-site for the year back in to the building. Staff and then faculty



A slogan for the project was displayed prominently on site.

followed shortly after. The goal had been met and within a one year time period, the UND School of Law had undergone a transformation of historic proportion.

“I can’t begin to express how thankful we are for the opportunity to work with Construction Engineers and ICON Architectural Group and for all they have done on our project,” said Dean Kathryn Rand. “It is unbelievable to think of what has taken place within a one-year period. Their good work guided a successful project that has met every expectation we had in the transformation of North Dakota’s law school.”

It was only 15 months from beginning to end and only 12 months for the entire construction portion of the project. It is hard to fathom that so much could be accomplished in such a short period of time. The end result met all of the goals set forth in the original design. The educational space was improved significantly as additional classrooms were added featuring a state-of-the-art teaching courtroom, deliberation room and a high-tech “case study” classroom. Additional student study, collaboration and gathering space can be found throughout the addition and the renovated law library.

The positive impact the addition and renovation has had on the entire law school community was realized

immediately after starting the academic year on August 17 with orientation for the Class of 2018. Third-year student Annique Lockard summed it up best, “There is definitely an energy as soon as you walk into the building. Everybody is excited, and I really feel that this is translating into our classes.”

It is obvious this much-needed building addition and renovation will change the face of legal education in North Dakota and will ensure the future success of the UND School of Law.



The brickwork was nearly complete in early May, with work on the glass curtain wall of the front entrance ready to begin.

### UND School of Law Building Committee and Advisors

Kathryn Rand	Trish Hodny	Gerald W. VandeWalle	Susan Walton	Fawn Behrens-Smith
Paul LeBel	Brad Parrish	Nancy Morris	Lori Swinney	Larry Zitzow
Julie Simon	Dave Haberman	William Guy	Rick Tonder	Eric Plummer
Mike McGinniss	Cheri Tretter	Levi Andrist	Peggy Lucke	

### A special “Thank You!” to all who worked on the project

#### Construction Engineers - ICON Architectural Group - Stantec

RBB Electric, Inc.	B&M Masonry, Inc.	Traill Painting Co.
Lundseth Plumbing & Heating Co.	Ben’s Structural Fabrication	ArmCom Distributing
Florian & Sons Excavating	Dakota Erectors, Inc.	Dakota Acoustical Tile Co., Inc.
Ulteig Engineers, Inc.	Woodside Industries, Inc.	Construction Supply, Inc.
C.L. Linfoot Co.	Cullen Insulation, Inc.	Sign Solutions
Hallett & Sons Expert Movers, Inc.	Sticky Construction, Inc.	Trio Environmental Consulting, Inc.
Gemstone Masonry Operating Company	PS Doors	Bartley Sales Company, Inc.
Dakota Fire Protection	Fargo Glass & Paint Co.	Haldeman-Homme, Inc.
Northern Technologies, Inc.	Central Door & Hardware, Inc.	Standard Textile Co., Inc.
Environmental Abatement Services, Inc.	Young & Davis Drywall, Inc.	Schindler Elevator Corporation
Dakota Fence Company	Anderson Acoustics	Superb Services
Midwest Demolition Company	All States Flooring, Inc.	CPMI
Midwest American Steel, Inc.	Grazzini Brothers & Company	University of North Dakota



# EXCEPTIONAL NEW SPACES

## COLLABORATION & STUDY

Many exceptional new spaces are the highlight of the UND School of Law building addition and renovation project. Additional space, an increased amount of natural light through new, expansive windows and open commons areas give the building a feeling of professionalism and new views of the UND campus like never before. The addition of these spaces makes it feel more like home—a place that excites students to be here and to come in and do their work. There is a new energy in the building among the students, faculty and staff. Students are staying in the building throughout the day using the new general areas, meeting and study rooms, which is leading to more collaboration and a broader sense of connection among the entire law school community.



Jack G. Marcil Deliberation Room

Teaching Courtroom







Central Commons in new north-facing entrance



Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section Commons

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“When I walked into the new building, I felt right at home. I really felt like it was open, welcoming, bright and a great new space to socialize, to get together with your peers and talk with your professors.”

**Ariana Meyers**  
Third-year Student

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Library Study Room



Vogel Law Firm Library Study Commons



## CLASSROOMS

A primary focus in planning for the building project was to add much needed classroom space. Through the addition and renovation project, the school now has five new full-time classrooms and several other small seminar and meeting rooms that can double as classrooms. The featured new classrooms are the Case Study Classroom, the new Teaching Courtroom and the Adaptable Classroom, which will allow the professor to quickly rearrange the room to take full advantage of the high-tech teaching station.



Seminar Classroom, Room 335



Adaptable Classroom, Room 6

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“I really like room 334. There is a lot of sunlight that comes in and the layout of the room allows you to see everyone so it facilitates better discussion.

Rue Muza  
Third-year Student

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Case Study Classroom, Room 334

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE UND LAW BUILDING PROJECT



Shortly after the North Dakota Legislature approved the generous funding for the School of Law, a call was made for additional private support to complete the full scope of the project. Several alumni and friends stepped forward with major gifts for naming opportunities, while others made gifts to the newly established Law School Building Fund. Every gift made a difference in meeting the goal of transforming North Dakota's law school. Thank you to all on the following pages who generously supported the School of Law building project.



## Vogel Law Firm Library Study Commons - Library, Second Floor

The Vogel Law Firm is the largest law firm in North Dakota, with nearly 50 attorneys and offices in Fargo, Bismarck, Moorhead, Minneapolis, and Williston. The firm traces its roots back to 1880. The Vogel family became associated with the firm in the late 1920s, and expanded the firm's practice over the decades. Members of the firm have a long history of public service, as well as a long history of supporting the School of Law. Their gift, the Vogel Law Firm Study Commons, is on the second floor of the renovated library and is a place where students gather to study and collaborate.

## Fredrikson & Byron Faculty Office Suite - New Addition Second Floor

Fredrikson & Byron Law Firm has built a reputation as the firm "where law and business meet" by bringing business acumen and entrepreneurial thinking to their work with clients, and by operating as business advisors and strategic partners as well as legal counselors. The firm, along with several individual employees, made a significant contribution to the development of the UND School of Law to name the Fredrikson & Byron Faculty Office Suite on the second floor of the new addition. The suite houses new faculty offices in addition to a new high-tech conference/classroom.



## Serkland Law Firm Commons - New Addition Third Floor

The Serkland Law Firm began providing legal services to the citizens of North Dakota in 1888, eleven years prior to the establishment of the UND School of Law. Serkland's gift reflects the firm's long history in North Dakota and its commitment to the continuing improvement of the legal profession in the state. The generous gift will name the Serkland Law Firm Commons on the third floor of the new building addition. Students meet, collaborate, study and build relationships in the space named for the firm.

## Jack G. Marcil Deliberation Room - New Addition Entry Level

Jack Marcil, a 1968 UND Law graduate, was the first to step forward when he heard there was a need for support for the building project. Jack's generous gift will fund the Jack G. Marcil Deliberation Room which is reflective of his commitment to trial practice and alternative dispute resolution over his 45 years of practice and contributes to law students' trial skills training. Jack said about his continued support, "I give because it helps make a difference for the future of our profession, and our law school is where it all starts."



## C. Francis Swanke - Lower Level

Providing support to renovate the School of Law and enhancing the academic environment for UND Law students is something very familiar to 1940 alumnus C. Francis Swanke. The Swanke Family Classroom was completed in 2010, the 70th anniversary of C. Francis' graduation from law school. He continues to develop opportunities for students through his support of the law school building project. The space within the building to be named in honor of him and his family has yet to be determined.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE - UND LAW BUILDING PROJECT

## Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section Commons - New Addition, Second Floor

The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the State Bar Association of North Dakota is comprised of lawyers with a particular practice interest related to the areas referenced in the Section's title. The Section operates the Title Standards and Mineral Standards committees. It has a long history of providing financial support to the bar association and other related needs of the legal community. The work of the Section is performed by its members on a volunteer basis. The Section has been chaired for the past 25 years by Grant Shaft. The Sections gift provides space for students to gather and work together.



## Judge Myron H. & Fritzie Bright Reading Room - Library, Lower Level

Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Myron Bright is the longest serving active federal court of appeals judge in the country. His generous gift along with a special collection of gifts from Judge Bright's former clerks come together to honor the judge and his wife in the Judge Myron H. and Fritzie Bright Reading Room. The room provides an intimate and peaceful space for students to reflect while inspired by the Judge's donated memorabilia from his nearly five decades on the bench.

## Traynor Law Firm North Dakota Law Review Office - Library, Second Floor

The Traynor Law Firm was established in 1897 in Devils Lake and has been serving the people of the region for almost 120 years. The firm has been home to four generations of UND Law graduates starting with Fred Traynor, 1904, who was one of the first graduates of the newly established School of Law. Mack Traynor was a law graduate in 1916. Jack Traynor joined the firm in 1951 following his graduation from law school. His sons John T. (Tom) Traynor, Law '80, and Dan Traynor, Law '97, are continuing the Traynor Law Firm tradition of service to their clients and the North Dakota legal community. The firm's gift supports the North Dakota Law Review, giving students an exceptional work space.



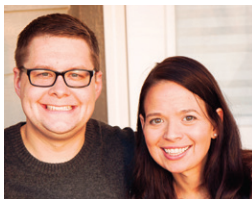
## David S. & The Honorable Mary Muehlen Maring Moot Court Office - Library, Second Floor

Throughout their careers, both Dave and Mary Maring have served as leaders in the legal profession in North Dakota. Their generous gift named the David S. and the Honorable Mary Muehlen Maring Moot Court Office, on the second floor of the renovated law library. The Maring Moot Court Office connects the Marings' dedication to ethical and effective advocacy with the practical experience students gain through the Moot Court program.



## Maureen Holman Interview Room - Clinic Office, Lower Level

Maureen, a 1983 UND Law graduate, is an attorney with the Serkland Law Firm, Fargo, ND. Mo has had a great legal career, served as President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and was named a Super Lawyer from 2007-2015. She has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2016 for her expertise in Family Law. Her gift supports the hands-on skills training students gain through the Clinical Legal Education Program.



## Melissa H. Burkland & Dr. Grant D. Syverson Student Life Conference Room - First Floor

Class of 2005 graduate Melissa Burkland and her husband Dr. Grant Syverson, a 2005 UND Medicine graduate, had an interest in enhancing the student experience at the School of Law. Their gift will name the Melissa H. Burkland and Dr. Grant D. Syverson Student Life Conference Room. Adjacent to the Student Life suite and the student organizations office, the Burkland & Syverson Student Life Conference Room will be used by prospective students and their families, employers conducting on-campus interviews, and student organizations.

## Lisa Wheeler & Thomas Wold Study Room - Library, Second Floor

Tom, '62, practiced law with Wold Johnson P.C. in the Fargo area for 46 years before retiring in 2008. During his career, he was an attorney for significant real estate developments including hotels, shopping centers, apartments, and housing. Lisa earned a JD in 1982. Upon graduation from law school, she was employed for five years at Wheeler-Wolf Law Firm in Bismarck. She has been President of The Title Company in Fargo since 1990. Lisa and Tom provided for a high-tech study and collaboration room on the second floor of the newly renovated library.



### Smith, Bakke, Porsborg, Schweigert & Armstrong Study Room - Library Lower Level

The Smith Bakke Porsborg Schweigert & Armstrong law firm prides itself on its continued relationship with numerous respected clients and strives to provide vigorous, highly professional representation to clients on a variety of legal matters. From litigation to business disputes to family law, the firm consists of attorneys with special expertise in numerous areas of the law. The firms gift supports much needed student study rooms.

### Sogard Family Faculty Office - New Addition, Second Floor Faculty Suite

Patrick and Tamara Sogard felt a connection to the faculty who shaped their education at UND, choosing to make a gift to name a faculty office at the School of Law. Pat is a 1986 graduate of the School of Law and a 1982 UND graduate in Engineering, and Tammy is a 1987 UND graduate in the College of Business and Public Administration. Both serve on the Board of Directors for American State Bank, Pat as Chairman of the Board. Outside the Sogard Family Faculty Office, a plaque will read, "In honor of the faculty who taught the Class of 1986 – Sogard Family."



### Gerhardt & Parrish Family Student Bar Association Office - Library, Second Floor

Supporting student leaders is a personal and professional priority for Cassie Gerhardt, '96, '08, and Brad Parrish, '05. Cassie is the Assistant Dean of Students at UND and Brad is the Assistant Dean of Student Life at the UND School of Law. Along with Cassie's parents, Ed, a 1972 graduate of the College of Business and Public Administration, and Pat Gerhardt, who raised their children to bleed 'UND green', they have made a gift to support the Student Bar Association Office which will benefit future generations of law school leaders by providing a designated space for SBA members to guide the student body of the UND School of Law.

### State Bar Association of North Dakota Student Life Reception Area - First Floor

Founded in 1899, the 2,700+ member State Bar Association of North Dakota is the official statewide organization of lawyers and the oldest unified state bar association in the nation. The mission of the State Bar Association is to promote justice and to serve the lawyers and the people of North Dakota. The Association invested in the future of the legal profession by supporting the building project at North Dakota's law school. Their gift of naming the reception area in the Office of Student Life will provide a daily reminder to the state's future lawyers of the important connection of individual attorneys to the statewide organization.



### Candace Zierdt Faculty Office - Anne & Jason Spaeth - Second Floor

Anne and Jason Spaeth's gift to the School of Law's building project is in honor of a faculty member who inspired Anne—Professor Candace Zierdt. Professor Zierdt specialized in juvenile and family law, igniting Anne's passion as a law student for child advocacy and child protection. As an attorney in Minnesota, Anne, a 1998 UND Law graduate, now works in the area of child abuse prevention and advocating on behalf of vulnerable children. Currently she is working to implement the Infant Team pilot project serving children ages 0-5 in the Hennepin County child protection system.

### Al and Minna Rand Reception Area, Kathryn Rand- Administrative Suite, First Floor

Dean Kathryn Rand has strong family ties to UND and the School of Law so she made a major gift to support the building of the school as well as honor her grandparents. Her gift will honor her grandparents by creating the Albert G. and Minna Rand Reception Area in the renovated main administrative suite. Rand's grandfather, Al Rand, is a 1921 graduate of the UND School of Law and served as the City Clerk for East Grand Forks for more than 40 years.





# MAKING A DIFFERENCE - UND LAW BUILDING PROJECT



Thank you to the following individuals who have made generous and important gifts to the UND Law Building Project Fund in support of one of the named spaces or to priority needs.

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